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# Parent Council Minutes

**Date:** Monday, January 7, 2019

**Attendees:** Kim Walke (Principal), Heather Booth (VP), Marty Orr (VP)

**School:** Fieldcrest Elementary School

**Parents:** Nadia & Shafiq Alakoozi, Andrea Turner, Shari Elson, Jen Lambie, Celine Bucknell, Christine Kitchen, Devon Walsh, Val Salo, Nicole Kim, Leslie Blot, Kim Enns, Kim Schneider, Elizabeth Buslovich

**Call to Order:** Kim Walke @ 6:35pm. All welcomed to the Meeting and introductions made.

<b>Item:</b>	School Council Chair Vacancy
<b>Discussion:</b>	- Kim announced that our Chair Melissa had recently moved and now there is a vacancy to be filled. Kim explained the role of Chair to the group of attendees. Motion made to accept the minutes of the November 2018 meeting, seconded by Leslie Blot. There was no interest within the group for anyone to become Chair for the remainder of the school year.
<b>Action Items:</b>	Minutes accepted. Kim to follow up with Alternate Voting members to ensure that there is no interest and that they will continue to participate and be part of the quorum.
<b>Assigned to:</b>	Kim
<b>Due Date:</b>	ASAP

<b>Item:</b>	New Members invited to bring forward any Issues
<b>Discussion:</b>	The new members were asked if there was a specific item that they wished to discuss with the group. An issue in regards to transportation was discussed.
<b>Action Items:</b>	Council members offered support with this issue.
<b>Assigned to:</b>	NA
<b>Due Date:</b>	NA

<b>Item:</b>	Fieldcrest Playground Update
<b>Discussion:</b>	Kim offered an update on the status of a playground at the school. The board states that all Bradford schools are high catchment schools, and while this growth is happening, there will be no playgrounds built. We are able to Fundraise for a playground if there is interest among the school, and carry the funds over to cover it, up to 10% each year.
<b>Action Items:</b>	Member to contact other schools to see if there is any information that they can share that could help us with this project. A survey may be completed with parents to see interest in Fundraising for a playground at Fieldcrest.
<b>Assigned to:</b>	Interested members to present any findings/information at future meetings.
<b>Due Date:</b>	Ongoing

<b>Item:</b>	New North Bradford School – Community Meeting
<b>Discussion:</b>	A community meeting regarding the new school being built in Bradford, as well as attendance and boundary changes, will be held on Thursday February 7 <sup>th</sup> at 6pm. It will be held at Bradford District High School. More information to be provided closer to the date.

<b>Action Items:</b>	Parents encouraged to attend, as this impacts the students at FES.
<b>Assigned to:</b>	NA
<b>Due Date:</b>	February 7, 2019

<b>Item:</b>	Student Use of Technology
<b>Discussion:</b>	Interventions put in place to ensure Appropriate Use of Technology. Around the holidays it came to the attention of staff that there was inappropriate use of technology, in relation to music, social media and the use of ear buds.
<b>Action Items:</b>	Teachers of Grade 6-8 students are creating a playlist of appropriate music to listen to in school for closes to utilize. Moving forward, they are approaching it more with a focus on education as opposed to anything punitive. Welcome back assemblies planned for the upcoming week reviewing community, caring, kindness and general expectations.
<b>Assigned to:</b>	Teachers, Administration
<b>Due Date:</b>	Ongoing

<b>Item:</b>	School Climate Survey
<b>Discussion:</b>	Grade 4-6 students, Grade 7-8 students, parents, and staff have been asked to complete the School climate Survey found on <a href="http://www.scdsb.on.ca">www.scdsb.on.ca</a> . It is open until January 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2019.
<b>Action Items:</b>	NA
<b>Assigned to:</b>	NA
<b>Due Date:</b>	January 29, 2019

<b>Item:</b>	Playground Discussion Continued...
<b>Discussion:</b>	Question came up regarding Parents planning a survey for families to see interest in Fundraising for a playground. The development of a committee was recommended.
<b>Action Items:</b>	Member to contact other schools to see if there is any information that they can share that could help us with this project. A survey may be completed with parents to see interest in Fundraising for a playground at Fieldcrest.
<b>Assigned to:</b>	
<b>Due Date:</b>	Ongoing

<b>Item:</b>	Healthy Snack Program Changes
<b>Discussion:</b>	As of January 2019, Simcoe Public Health has implemented changes to the program, including that we will no longer be packaging cereals, fruits, etc. ourselves. Food safety training is required for those items, so we are no longer offering them. We continue to offer many of the other fruits and foods previously offered.
<b>Action Items:</b>	NA
<b>Assigned to:</b>	NA
<b>Due Date:</b>	January 2019

<b>Item:</b>	School Plan Priorities 2018-2019
<b>Discussion:</b>	Reviewed copy of Strategic Priorities on the back of the meeting agenda. Staff and Admin have been working on the specific Priorities for FES – to be presented in the spring.
<b>Action Items:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Assigned to:</b>	Admin/Staff
<b>Due Date:</b>	Ongoing

<b>Item:</b>	Volunteer Update with Heather
<b>Discussion:</b>	As of the meeting date there were 96 registered volunteers.
<b>Action Items:</b>	Please refer any interested parents to the Online Portal.
<b>Assigned to:</b>	
<b>Due Date:</b>	Ongoing

<b>Item:</b>	Healthy School Family Nights
<b>Discussion:</b>	Ms. Cook is leading a committee to host events this school year. More information to follow as available.
<b>Action Items:</b>	
<b>Assigned to:</b>	Ms. Cook, Staff
<b>Due Date:</b>	Ongoing

<b>Item:</b>	Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO Night
<b>Discussion:</b>	Upcoming Math Awareness Nights for parents to help in preparation for EQAO. Dates to follow.
<b>Action Items:</b>	NA
<b>Assigned to:</b>	NA
<b>Due Date:</b>	NA

<b>Item:</b>	School Council Initiatives
<b>Discussion:</b>	1. June BBQ – BBQs are encouraged by the school board, but there are guidelines in place. Elizabeth presented her School Carnival Proposal to the group. Discussed some of the guidelines, as well as the need to form a committee of volunteers to plan and carry out the event.
<b>Action Items:</b>	It was decided that the Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup> meeting would be promoted looking for volunteers to assist with the event, and that time would be devoted to formalizing this event at the meeting. Notice to go out in the newsletter looking for volunteers, asking for email contact from those unable to attend the meeting.
<b>Assigned to:</b>	Council
<b>Due Date:</b>	February 2019

<b>Meeting Ended:</b>	Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, seconded. Meeting Adjourned.
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